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Minutes
of
Branch Chief's Meeting of
11 August 1952

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The meeting was at 0835 in Mr. Steele's office with a quorum consisting of Mr. Sullivan, Chairman, Mr. Ahern, Mr. Barnard, Mr. Engle, Dr. Fairchild, Dr. Fondiller, ^{Mr.} Gordon, Dr. Harkin and Mr. Rajala.

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Mr. Sullivan opened the meeting by saying that a project is to be started in the P&E Division on "Flying Saucers." It was suggested by

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Dr. Odarenko that this project be set up to maintain ~~the~~ ^{an} file to ~~establish~~ ^{keep} outside contacts on such matters and to build up the up-to-date knowledge of the ~~available~~ ^{available} to permit the Division and office to take a stand and to formulate an opinion as might be required.

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ATIC has the job of finding out about these "flying saucers" and keeping records. ~~ATIC~~ ^{CIA} is responsible for getting information for CIA. All members of the P&E Division are to look into this project and see what they can contribute to this problem. Each Branch ~~was~~ appointed a representative:

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Mr. Elby for Physics, and Mr. Barnard for Electronics and Communications.

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Mr. Ray Gordon is Project Officer for the P&E Division. ^{Mr. Sullivan} He is to find out who is handling the project in ~~the~~ ^{the} and get a past history of what has been found out in the field of meteorology, radar and the other sciences. He should secure reports from ATIC and bring us up-to-date on what has been done.

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Mr. Steele wanted to know if P&E should be in the position to answer requests coming to us. Since ATIC has a standard form for reference purposes, requests would be answered through contact with them. Air Force has local agents to look into any questions coming to them. ATIC has ~~a~~ record; it was believed, to cover the whole world.

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It was stated that Mr. S. Fossony, who may be a special officer in

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